Committee for monitoring implementation of Fifteen-point Programme

3687. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alais MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any committee in his Ministry for monitoring implementation of the 15-Point programme for the welfare of the Minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the number of persons who have been provided with employment during the last three years under the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) (i) Does not arise.

(ii) Such statistics of employment under the programme are not maintained.

World Bank loan to Railways

3688. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh World Bank loan is being negotiated by Government for 'Railway Productivity Improvement' ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has stipulated a condition that the existing production units of Railways would be privatised in the next three years and no new production units would be started in Government sector in future; and

(c) if so, the stand proposed to be adopted by Government on such conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank have appraised a project for £300 million to cover essentially modernisation and upgradation of rolling stock.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Railway Land

3689. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway land has been encroached upon in different parts of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Division-wise ; and

(c) what steps are being taken against the persons who have encroached upon the land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Halt of Trains

3690. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that each halt of trains causes Rs. 450/-; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the running cost can be reduced by avoiding few halts, if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Halt of train cause some expenditure but